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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 2186

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MALLOUM ADDRESSES NATION ON THREAT TO CHADIAN
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

1. IN BRIEF RADIO SPEECH TO THE NATION MORE REMARKABLE FOR WHAT WAS NOT SAID THEN WHAT WAS ARTICULATED, CHADIAN PRESIDENT MALLOUM ON JUNE 28 MADE FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE TO CONCERTED REBEL ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT'S NORTHERN OUTPOSTS. MALLOUM ADDRESSED HIS APPEAL TO ALL CHADIANS, WITHIN AND WITHOUT CHAD, STRESSING THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE CHADIAN NATION IS AT STAKE. HE SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 23 IN N'DJAMENA WITH THE "ADVERSE PARTY" (A COURIOUSLY OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO LIBYAN DELEGATION) HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF THE REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE THAT BASE OF THE PROBLEM IS OCCUPATION OF CHADIAN TERRITORY (AOZOU) BY HOSTILE POWER. REBEL LEADER GOUKOUNI, SAID THE PRESIDENT, WHILE GIVING LIP SERVICE TO CAUSE OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION FOR PAST TWO YEARS, IN FACT HAS NO REAL COMMITMENT TO THIS OBJECTIVE AND WILLINGLY SUPPORTS A CAUSE
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WHICH THREATENS CHADIAN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. ALL CHADIANS, THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED, MUST EXAMINE THEIR CONSCIENCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY TRULY WISH TO BETRAY THE CONCEPT OF THE CHADIAN NATION.

2. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES EMBASSY HAS REPORTS OF CONTINUED HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND BARDAI, WHOSE GARRISON IS CUT OFF FROM AIRPORT AND IN

POOR CONDITION. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAYS THAT GABON HAS SENT TWO AIRCRAFT WITH PILOTS (PRESUMABLY FRENCH) TO ASSIST CHAD. THERE HAVE BEEN NO APPARENT RESULTS OF EGYPTIAN AND SUDANESE MILITARY CONSULTATIONS WITH CHAD. ZAIRIAN "AID" APPARENTLY CONSISTED OF UNUSED RATIONS FROM SHABA OPERATION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY AND OTHERS OBSERVERS (E.G., FRENCH EMBASSY) MILDLY SURPRISED THAT PRESIDENT MADE NO REFERENCE BY NAME TO LIBYANS. IT IS INTRIGUING, BUT VERY TYPICAL OF CHAD, THAT PRESIDENT'S SPEECH OBVIOUSLY ASSUMES THAT CHADIAN POPULACE FAMILIAR WITH MILITARY PROBLEMS IN NORTH, EVEN THOUGH NO WORD OF THE FIGHTING HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN PUBLIC MEDIA. BRADFORD

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